

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning SB 1067 without my signature.

California's drinking water protection program is recognized as a model program across the nation. Our system of developing Public Health Goals and Maximum Contaminant Levels to notify and protect our citizens has served drinking water customers of public water systems effectively for many years. This bill would alter that system by changing the standards to establish a Public Health Goal and consumer notification requirements for trihalomethanes and total haloacetic acids.

The current drinking water protection program establishes the Public Health Goal based on several health based factors including the impact on sensitive populations, long term health impacts, and cancer prevention. This bill elevates one specific sensitive population above all other criteria when establishing the Public Health Goal. This directive skews the scientific process. Additionally, this bill has different notification requirements than other substances that have already established Public Health Goals. These different requirements could cause confusion among consumers and local water districts and add unnecessary additional expense without increasing consumer protection.

For these reasons I cannot sign this legislation.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger